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1. PERUVIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND COMMERCE, AND INTEGRATION, GASTON IBANEZ O'BRIEN, ANNOUNCED JANUARY 21 THAT THE GOP HAD TASKED THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PLANNING WITH A STUDY TO REDUCE FURTHER THE NUMBER OF MINISTRIES IN ORDER TO SIMPLIFY THE STRUCTURE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. IBANEZ TOLD A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MEETING THAT ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SIMPLIFICATION WOULD BE TO HAVE ONLY SEVEN MINISTRIES BY 1980.

2. THE PERUVIAN MINISTER ADDED THAT THE SEVEN ENLARGED MINISTRIES MIGHT BE: A MINISTRY OF DEFENSE INTEGRATING THE WAR, NAVY AND AIR MINISTRIES ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE; A MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCORPORATING THE MINISTRIES OF FISHING, AGRICULTURE AND MINES AND HYDROCARBONS; A MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES DEALING WITH THE TRANSPORT, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATION SECTORS; AND, A MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS INTEGRATING HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND HOUSING. THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF INTERIOR WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. MINISTER IBANEZ O'BRIEN APPARENTLY DID NOT

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REPEAT NOT MENTION THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE.

2. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY COMMENTED PREVIOUSLY ON THE GOP'S INTENTION TO SIMPLIFY DECISION-MAKING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL (REFTELS).
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